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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT AND PRELIMINARY <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In an Office Communication dated November 18, 2008, the examiner noted that the PCT Article 19 amendment made during the International Stage of this application, do not present the new claims in proper US format. Accordingly, this reply presents a new listing of the claims in accordance with current US practice.

Additionally, this reply presents a Preliminary Amendment to the text in claims 46, 48-50, 62 & 63, to add the word "avatar" before the phrase "user in the video game", in order to improve the clarity of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION</u> <u>PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.8</u>

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